Attorney Docket No. 5051-644

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Muthukumaran et al. Confirmation No.: 1674 Application No.: 10/698,255 Filed: October 31,2003

For: SYNTHESIS

SYNTHESIS OF PHOSPHONO-SUBSTITUTED PORPHYRIN COMPOUNDS FOR

ATTACHMENT TO METAL OXIDE SURFACES

August 3, 2004

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) FOR SUBMITTING MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The applicant hereby petitions for a **three** (3) month extension of time for submitting the **Declaration** for the above-identified application. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) was mailed **March 09**, 2004. Thus, the missing parts were originally due on **May 09**, 2004. This Petition thus requests that the due date for the missing parts be extended to **August 09**, 2004.

The required fee [37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)] of \$950.00 is enclosed; any additional fee or refund associated with this Petition may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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